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1. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on 30 August 1951, about 30 twin-engine aircraft covered by tarpaulins were parked in front of the hangars of Cottbus airfield. * There was no flying. Truck [] was seen at the field. Only a few soldiers were observed. The terrain north of the construction site and the brook was level and covered with grass. No indications that the runway was to be extended to the west were observed.

2. At 5 a.m. on 28 August, Cottbus airfield was alerted by a siren for three minutes. After 5:15 a.m., the engines of the aircraft were warmed up. After 8:30 a.m., the aircraft of four flights took off individually and then assembled in formation. The four flights, which were spaced about 100 meters, flew in wedge formations. Twenty-eight aircraft participated in this exercise, and eight more planes were parked in front of the hangars. All the planes seen were of type Pe-2, with crews of two, and were equipped with one weapon pointing upward to the rear, one belly turret in line with the trailing edge of the wing and fitted with a flexible weapon firing to the rear below, and one cannon on either side of the cockpit.

3. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on 2 September, 38 Pe-2s were parked in front of the hangars. There was no flying. Trucks [] and [] tank truck [] bus [] and sedan [] were observed.

4. The air force ration supply depot is located at 93, Berliner Strasse. [] quantities of bread delivered to the airfield [] Food for Air Force Units I and II is hauled by trucks []

* Comment. This statement indicates that the airfield is still occupied by bomber regiment. Jet bombers have not been observed with this regiment. Comment. Air Force Unit I apparently is identical with the bomber regiment. From the quantities of bread delivered, it is inferred that only one bomber regiment and its ground personnel is stationed in Cottbus.

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